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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	<p>DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 200233 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class B04, AN 2002-281903 XP002253121 & CN 1 333 046 A (YANG C), 30 January 2002 (2002-01-30) abstract</p>	67
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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X	US 6 372 239 B1 (WU CHANG-AN ET AL)	18
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A	the whole document	
	claim 1	14-17,19

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 20-66, 71-72
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 18
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-17, 19 (part), 20, 21 (part), 22-70, 71 (part), 72 (part)

Compositions comprising geranium oil and extractions from the root of Sophora plants such as *S. tonkinesis* (*S. subprostrata*), *S. alopecuroides*, *S. moorcroftiana* etc., and compositions comprising purified components of geranium oil and/or of extractions from the root of *Sophora tonkinesis*, e.g. comprsg. citronellol, geraniol, geranyl formate, citronellyl formate, matrine and oxymatrine, and methods for administering said compositions comprsg. geranium oil and extractions from the root of *S. tonkinesis* to mammalian animals being treated or to be treated with said one or more cancer treatments.

2. Claims: 18, 21 (part), 71 (part), 72 (part)

Composition comprising A and B wherein A is selected from a group consisting of hexanol, 3-hexen-1-ol, alpha-pinene, beta-pinene, P-cymene, limonene, 1,8-cineol, ocimene, linallol oxide, linallol, trans-rose oxide, cis-rose oxide, citronellal, menthone, iso-methone, menthol, terpineol, citronellol, geraniol, citronellyl formate, geranyl formate, caryophellene, citronellyl propinoate, gurjunene, cadiene, and B is selected from a group consisting of matrine, oxymatrine, anagyrine, methylcytisine, cytosine, sophocarpine, sophocarpine N-oxide, sophoramine, sophoranol, sophoranone, sophoradin, sophoranochromene, sophoradochromene, pterocarpine, genistein, maackian, trifolirhizin, sitosterol, lu-peol and alkyl alcohol ester. and a method for administering such a composition for supporting cancer treatment.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210 .

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Claims Nos.: 18

Claim 18 relates to an extremely large number of possible combinations of compounds A and B. Therefore, a lack of clarity (and/or conciseness) within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and a lack of sufficient disclosure according to Article 5 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible. Consequently, the search has been limited to the combinations of all compounds listed in group A with the first mentioned compounds in group B, i.e. matrine and oxymatrine.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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